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SUBJECT: US OIL COMPANY RIG IN DISPUTED WATERS

REF: BOGOTA 3109

1. EMBOFF MADE DISCREET INQUIRY AT MFA APRIL 14
CONCERNING INCIDENT DESCRIBED REFTEL. COMMENTING
"OFF-THE-RECORD", MFA OFFICIAL COVERING NICARAGUA'S
DISPUTE WITH COLOMBIA OVER QUITA SUENO ISLETS AND
WATERS, LIC. FRANCISCO CAMPBELL HOOKER, SAID THAT
COLOMBIA HAD SUBMITTED DIPLOMATIC PROTEST TO GON
OVER PRESENCE OF OCCIDENTAL VESSEL AND RIG IN
COLOMBIAN-CLAIMED WATERS. GON HAD REJECTED
COLOMBIAN PROTEST ON GROUNDS THAT VESSEL OPERATING
IN NICARAGUAN WATERS, CAMPBELL NOTED. AS
FAR AS MFA IS CONCERNED, THAT IS END OF MATTER UNLESS
COLOMBIA RAISES IT AGAIN.

2. IN RESPONSE TO FOLLOW-UP QUESTION,
CAMPBELL SAID THAT, AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, GON
HAS NOT INSTRUCTED OCCIDENTAL TO AVOID FURTHER
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OPERATIONS IN DISPUTED WATERS.

3. LAST FEBRUARY, AN OCCIDENTAL OFFICIAL
TOLD EMBOFF THAT HIS COMPANY WILL USE THE
GLOMER CONCEPTION DRILLING RIG TO DRILL A DEEP
WELL ABOUT 150 MILES NE OF PUERTO CABEZAS AND
WNW OF QUITA SUENO, AT APPROXIMATELY 8140W;

1440N, IN A CONCESSION AREA OWNED JOINTLY BY
OCCIDENTAL AND AMERICAN INDEPENDENT OIL
COMPANY. HE ANTICIPATED THAT DRILLING WOULD
COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 21 AND THAT RIG WOULD STAY IN NICARAGUAN
WATERS FOR ABOUT 60 DAYS. THE OFFICIAL WAS
FAMILIAR WITH CONFLICTING NICARAGUAN-COLOMBIAN
CLAIMS OVER THE WATERS WHERE DRILLING WAS TO BE
CONDUCTED. HE INDICATED THAT NO OCCIDENTAL
PERSONNEL WOULD BE BASED ON LAND IN NICARAGUA,
BUT THAT THE FIRM WOULD OPERATE SHUTTLE AIR-BOAT
SERVICE BETWEEN HOUSTON AND THE RIG.
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